

Function 750: Administration of Justice

The Administration of Justice function consists of federal law enforcement programs, litigation and judicial activities, correctional operations, and state and local justice assistance. Agencies within this function include: the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI); the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA); Border and Transportation Security (BTS); the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms and Explosives; the United States Attorneys; legal divisions within the Department of Justice; the Legal Services Corporation; the Federal Judiciary; and the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

The President's budget provides \$39.7 billion in discretionary funding for this function, \$262 million above the 2006 enacted level. The budget increases several federal law enforcement programs that are tied to homeland security. However, the 2007 budget, like previous budgets submitted by the Administration, significantly cuts state and local law enforcement programs.

State and Local Criminal Justice and Juvenile Justice Consolidated and Cut — State and local criminal justice and juvenile justice programs provide resources to help communities combat and deter crime. As with last year, the Administration's budget cuts and eliminates currently funded state and local justice programs and creates new initiatives within the Office of Justice. However, the budget provides only \$957 million for Office of Justice state and local law enforcement initiatives for 2007, thereby cutting overall funding for state and local justice assistance by \$1.1 billion (54.1 percent) below the 2006 level. Programs eliminated in the budget included Edward Byrne grants, the State Criminal Alien Assistance program, and juvenile justice grants.

The Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Program Nearly Eliminated — COPS provides grants and other assistance to help communities hire, train, and retain police officers and to improve law enforcement technologies. The budget provides \$102 million for COPS for 2007, most of which is funding that is carried over from previous years. This represents a \$376 million (78.7 percent) cut below the 2006 enacted level. The budget also permanently reduces unobligated balances in the program by \$128 million for 2007, thus setting the program on the path for elimination.

Violence Against Women Programs Cut — Violence Against Women programs provide varied assistance to prevent and prosecute abuse committed against women. The budget provides \$347 million for Violence Against Women programs for 2007, a \$35 million (9.2 percent) cut below last year's level.

Federal Law Enforcement Increased — Federal law enforcement programs include agencies such as the FBI, BTS, the United States Secret Service, the DEA, civil rights enforcement agencies such as the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) and the Office for Civil Rights, and the ATF. The budget provides \$23.9 billion for federal law enforcement programs, a \$2.4 billion increase over the 2006 level. Below are details for several federal law enforcement agencies. (See

also *Department of Homeland Security* section for descriptions of additional enforcement agencies and programs.)

Border and Transportation Security — BTS programs enforce federal customs and immigration laws and secure our national borders from threats. The budget provides \$13.4 billion for the agency, a \$1.8 billion increase over the 2006 level. The increase goes toward hiring additional border patrol agents, improving border patrol aircraft and other surveillance equipment, and detaining and removing illegal entrants.

Federal Bureau of Investigation — The FBI's responsibilities include detecting, investigating, and prosecuting federal crimes. The budget provides \$6.0 billion for the FBI, a \$371 million (6.5 percent) increase over last year's level. The increase goes toward improving intelligence capabilities and counter-terrorism efforts.

Drug Enforcement Administration — The DEA enforces laws relating to illicit drug manufacturing and distribution. The budget provides \$1.7 billion for the DEA, a \$71 million (4.3 percent) increase over last year's level. The increase goes toward improving intelligence and expanding operations.

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives Cut — The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives investigates and enforces laws relating to the items for which it is named. The budget provides \$860 million for the Bureau, a \$72 million (7.7 percent) cut below last year's level. The budget proposes that the agency collect an additional \$120 million in user fees for 2007 to help offset costs of the Bureau's regulation of the explosives industry.

Civil Rights Law Enforcement — The budget provides \$323 million for EEOC, a \$4 million cut below the 2006 level. It provides \$45 million for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity activities, a \$1 million cut below the 2006 level. The budget also provides \$93 million for the Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights, a \$2 million increase above the 2006 level, and \$9 million for the Commission on Civil Rights, maintaining the program at the 2006 level.

Legal Services Corporation Cut — The Legal Services Corporation provides free legal assistance for low-income people. The President's budget provides \$311 million for the Legal Services Corporation, a \$16 million (4.9 percent) cut below the 2006 level.

United States Attorneys Increased — The budget provides \$1.6 billion for United States Attorneys, a \$57 million (3.6 percent) increase above the 2006 level.

Federal Correctional Activities — The federal corrections system maintains and operates federal prisons. The budget provides \$6.3 billion for federal corrections, a \$202 million (3.3 percent) increase over the 2006 level. The increase goes toward managing increasing prison and detention space to accommodate the growth of the federal detainee population.